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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tatsuo MATSUOKA

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FOR: DEVICE FOR DETECTING FAILURE IN DRIVING POWER SUPPLY FOR
ELEVATOR, AND METHOD FOR DETECTING FAILURE IN DRIVING POWER
SUPPLY FOR ELEVATOR

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of October 21, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed October 21, 2008, paragraph 3 states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
The limitations of a failure detector for the charge capacitance serving as a drive power source for an actuator for the safety device for an elevator wherein the charge time is measured and determined to be within a set range/upper, lower limit, is not taught or reasonably suggested by the cited art of record.

Although the above comment seems to be directed to Claim 1, it is respectfully noted that independent Claim 2 does not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 2 recites a "failure detecting method" and not a "failure detector." Accordingly, it is

respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement applies only to independent Claim 1,
and not to independent Claim 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

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